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Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"How long will this point be under consideration?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"We have addressed the local bodies; replies have only recently been received."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state whether the Government do not have a list in which the various communities coming under the Depressed Classes are included?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"When the local bodies pass resolutions, some local bodies say that concessions should be given to depressed classes, some say Harijans, some say backward communities; so we want definite information."

Progress of the work connected with the diversion of the Madras-Calicut Trund Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur.

*700 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the work of diversion of the Madras-Calicut Trunk Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur is;

(*b*) when it is likely to be completed and opened for traffic; and

(*c*) what the capital expenditure to be incurred is in making this new diversion?

A.—The proposal to divert the Madras-Calicut Trunk Road from Thoppur to Bhavani via Mettur has been dropped.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I ask whether there are any special reasons—apart from financial stringency—for dropping the proposal?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I do not think it is mainly financial. I think the reasons given for making a change are not convincing; the existing route has been found to be quite satisfactory."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"Is it not a fact that this proposal came from responsible authorities before it was considered by the Government?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"It makes no difference, Sir, from what authority it first came."

Medical Administration

Appointment of medical practitioners with L.M.P. qualifications, as honorary assistant surgeons.

*701 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any L.M.P. practitioner was appointed as an honorary assistant surgeon straight, and whether any honorary clinical assistants of L.M.P. qualifications have been made honorary assistant surgeons so far?

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A.—No candidate with L.M.P. qualification has been appointed direct as honorary assistant surgeon or assistant physician. One honorary clinical assistant (sub-assistant surgeon according to the old designation) has been appointed honorary assistant surgeon, as he has put in the minimum period of service as clinical assistant, prescribed in the rules relating to the appointment of honorary medical officers.

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"May I ask whether any rules have been framed by the Government with regard to the appointment of these honorary surgeons?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Yes; there are rules."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether this gentleman who has been appointed was in Government service, or whether he is a retired official?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I have no information."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Extension of the Mussalman Wakf Act XLII of 1923 *to the Madras Presidency.*

* 702 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Mussalman Wakf Act XLII of 1923 has been extended to this Presidency;

(*b*) if so, from what date;

(*c*) how many mutavallis (or managers of wakf properties) have filed statements under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 and how many mutavallis have submitted statements of accounts prescribed by section 5 of the Act;

(*d*) whether the Government have prosecuted, as required by section 10, the mutavallis who have failed to file the above statements;

(*e*) if not, why not;

(*f*) whether the Government have framed rules as required by section 11 of the Act; and

(*g*) if not, when they propose to do so?.

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1st January 1932.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No cases have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The question does not arise.